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Re: Prioritization of North Douglas Crossing and Road Extension

Alaskan Brewing Company supports high prioritization of the North Douglas Crossing within the STIP for the future development of Juneau. We have been a long time supporter of creating reasonable and useful access to the West Side of Douglas Island. Douglas has close access to Juneau with non-wetland buildable properties and we believe it is very important to Juneau's diversification and future economic development.

Deep water port access is highly feasible on West Douglas, and our company would like the opportunity to be located in an area that has this capability. We are searching for 20 acres of buildable industrial land (non-wetlands) for our future expansion and there are no large buildable lots that currently meet this requirement in the CBJ borough. We are looking for a property that will enable our growth for the next 20+ years. The North Douglas Crossing and the road extension on Douglas Island will open up this valuable property for economic expansion. We are hopeful that we have an opportunity to grow in Southeast Alaska, and this appears to be a most likely path for us.

We understand that economic development is a key factor for prioritization on the STIP. We are a small company but we have the ability to continue to grow and add significant value to our local and statewide economy. Our company is an example of a business where the North Douglas Crossing opening up opportunities for the new growth area could impact us significantly and positively.

We support high prioritization of the North Douglas Crossing.